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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 May 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4 and 7-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 10-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 10, "performing independent error detection of at least two of the received error control coded streams using respective separate error control code encoders in a multiple antenna system" is mis-descriptive, and apparently should read as "performing independent error detection of at least two of the received error control coded streams", as encoders do not perform error detection. For "performing error detection," applicant shows separate CRC checking processes (355₁, 355_P) distinct from the two error control code encoders (325₁, 325_P) and the two error control code encoders (350₁, 350_P).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. Claims 1, 3, 4 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,771,705 to Kenney *et al* (hereafter Kenney).

Kenney discloses a wireless data transmission arrangement including transmitter circuitry (FIG. 2) comprising a pair of turbo code component encoders (Encoder 1,

Encoder 2) providing "a separate error control code encoder for each stream" for "forming separately at least two error control coded streams" (Parity data subset 1, Parity data subset 4) from a "block of information" (Systematic Data). Separate antennas (113, 114) are used by Kenney's transmitter to transmit the respective "error control coded streams". Kenney's data transmission arrangement further uses a hybrid ARQ protocol with incremental redundancy (col. 7, lines 26+), and therefor transmits this data in response to a "confirmation message" of the ARQ protocol.

Regarding claim 9, the system disclosed by Kenney can be considered a "one-to-many" communication system" as a single base station typically communicates with several mobile units.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 10-21 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.
5. Claims 5 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed 16 May 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's position regarding the patent to Kenney is apparently that the two separate error control code encoders (Encoder 1, Encoder 2) that separately form separate error control code streams (Parity data subset 1, Parity data subset 4) are not separate error control code encoders because each encoder "encodes the same information bit sequence into a plurality of encoded bit sequences differently. Applicant is presumably alluding to the presence of additional error control code streams (Parity data subset 3, Parity data subset 4). The claims do not appear to definitely exclude additional error control code encoders or additional error control code streams, however, so the relevance of Applicant's argument to the claims is not apparent.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Baker whose telephone number is (571) 272-3814. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (11:00 AM - 7:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert DeCady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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